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Frederick County Health Department

Public Health Alert

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Man Bitten by Dog on Sunday, December 13, 2020, at Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick, MD. Seeking Owner of Two Dogs.

A man was bitten by an unknown dog near the baseball field at Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick, Maryland, at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 13, 2020. The man was attempting to break up a fight between his dog and two unknown dogs when he was bitten by one of the unknown dogs. The two biting dogs are described as a black pit bull and a black-and-white or possibly brown-and-white boxer. The dogs' owner is described as a slender Caucasian male, approximately 50-60 years old. He was driving a white Subaru Outback at the time of the bite.

The Frederick County Health Department is requesting that the owner, or anyone who has information regarding the animals, contact Frederick County Animal Control (FCAC) so the victim may avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. Contact is needed to confirm the animals' health and whereabouts. The animals will be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animals are verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, the victim will not need to receive the series of post-exposure rabies vaccinations, and the animals will be allowed to resume normal activity. The owner or anyone who has information about the animals is asked to contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES for more information.

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